

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

We have watched services in our area for both cable and internet plummet in quality due to virtual monopolies that these companies hold in a given region. I'm sure that loosening the media ownership rules will make things much worse. Big media conglomerates already have too much influence on the airwaves. The last thing we should do is give them the opportunity to completely take over all of our media channels.